

Dear Witney Town Councillors.

Thanks to your generous support, OxMAT have been able to provide a range of music based programmes for the children of Witney and surrounding areas.

We've been incubating a community of young musicians (between 8 and 14 attending each session) to enable them to learn, write and perform in bands. They've now written 5 original songs and can play a range of covers.

We've held over 40 Rock Club sessions and 5 Band Camps. These are held at Green Room Studios and employ 4 local, professional (DBS checked) musicians.

We've also created opportunities for young teenage bands to participate in our showcases.

Rock Club = 480+ guided hours

Band Camp = 160+ guided hours

Private Family showcases

Our young musicians have performed public showcases to celebrate their achievements and entertain the crowds.

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Witney Music Festival

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Minster Lovell Festival

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Wychwood Forest Festival

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Got2B Music Showcase

And we hope to participate in these and others this year.

"Xxx is always so excited every Thursday for Band Camp. It's the highlight of her week."

"Thank you for the wonderful opportunities you've given XXX. We're so lucky to have this here."

"We're still buzzing after the show at the weekend. Well done everyone involved and thank you all again. It's been the best thing of our Summer."

"Please pass on our thanks to Pat for everything he's doing."

OxMAT have also been providing subsidised one to one teaching and coaching for children who want to improve on their instrument of choice.

"Without OxMAT we wouldn't have been able to get drum lessons for XXX."

We have worked with Got2B to support their Youth Club Band and assisted through the loan of instruments.

We still intend to run a Youth Festival. Our plans to hold it in The Corn Exchange in the Winter didn't come together due to conflicting dates, but we're preparing for an alternative in the Spring.

Thanks again for your kind contribution to this work. We look forward to celebrating the wider youth provision at our Youth Festival soon.

Please let us know what additional information you require.

Kindest Regards

The Trustees
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